

To the Honorable Members of the FCC, Gentlemen and Ladies as a middle class father working in our nations heartland it is difficult to provide my family with the cultural benefits of living in New York or Chicago. XM Radio has been a godsend in helping to bridge that gap. Local broadcast options including PBS do not carry a culturally diverse palette of listening opportunities, news, information or education. With the broad spectrum of listening options available through Satellite Radio I have been able to expose my family to music and cultures that would otherwise be unknown to them. One wonderful benefit of this type of programming has been that my fifteen year old son, Bobby, has developed his love for all types of music; particularly Classical. Bobby is now playing Oboe and English Horn in a nearby city Symphony, he is also planning on majoring in both music and mathematics in college. The teachers ask our children why they work so hard to succeed and they always answer with something along the lines of "there is a very large world out there and with an education and drive they plan on exploring it". This introduction didn't come from local broadcast of top 40 tunes and farm reports. I purchased my XM receiver and contracted for service as a conscious choice. As a consumer and an American this is my right. It should not be the right of the National Association of Broadcasters to ask you to restrict my access to a service I am willing to purchase. Please allow the freedom of the airwaves to continue, for the sake of my children and the millions to follow. Thank you for your time. Sincerely
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